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AIA Michigan: President's Report An Update on Designing Our Future

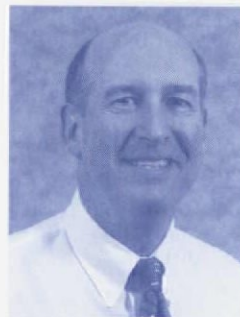
2008 could have been a bit of a letdown, as it was following AIA150 - the American Institute of Architects' sesquicentennial celebration year. Instead, AIA Michigan looked ahead and seriously focused on designing the future (the second part of the AIA 150 theme of "Celebrating the Past - Designing the Future"). It's a good thing we did that because the larger political, social and economic context was less than reassuring and, as it turned out, change became the big issue: the only questions being How much? How soon? What form will it take? And how do we accomplish it?

For architects and our allied design professionals, these troubled times hold a buried opportunity. Change must be designed if it is to be beneficial. Many of my fellow members and professional colleagues embraced this through the year and I thank them all for the effort and votes of confidence.

SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE TIME

The year started with our **January** leadership retreat in Northern Michigan, where the board of directors and leadership from the chapters across the state gathered to share experiences and ideas. The notion that architects are the best resource for designing change and that our emerging professionals need to be integral to designing the future received a lot of attention. AIA Michigan's need to change, in order to survive and prosper, was confirmed when Fred Butters, FAIA, our Regional Director, reviewed the demographic, membership and financial trends affecting AIA Michigan in the immediate future. It's always refreshing to interact with architects from around the state. And it was nice to see many new faces.

In **February**, AIA National Grassroots in Washington, DC, had a different format than in previous years. Capitol Hill visits were not part of



Stephen Smith, AIA

the program due to a scheduling conflict that placed the conference during a congressional break. Leadership seminars filled the agenda, including quite a number of sessions dealing with emerging professionals, technology's impact on communication, trends in practice and how the AIA is accommodating change.

AIA Michigan also had a presence at the Construction Association of Michigan EXPO in Novi in early February.

Our annual Health Facilities Conference was once again a sell-out in **March** at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. This conference, along with the Educational Facilities Conference in the fall, has been transitioned from Michigan Architectural Foundation responsibility to AIA Michigan, as MAF sharpens its focus and establishes its identity distinct from AIA Michigan. The conference has reached its limit in size and shows how AIA is an essential resource for exchanging information on topics of multi-disciplinary concern to design professionals and building users alike.

April was a full month. On April 3-6, the AIA National Committee on Design convened in Detroit to focus on Design Parallels among architectural, industrial, automotive and interior design. Southeastern Michigan made a positive impression on architects from around the world as they toured our wealth of architecture and related design. On April 15th, in conjunction with our AELC engineering affiliates, MSPE and ACEC/Michigan, we gathered in Lansing for our annual Legislative day. With the inclusion of a large number of emerging professionals, both Associate members and recently registered members, all House and Senate members received visits. Our agenda for 2008 has been one of the fullest and most aggressive in years. We have had notable

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President's Report

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success in influencing the legislative process this year. Make sure that you plan on participating at the 2009 Legislative Day already scheduled for March 17th.

With everything else that was happening in April, the Executive Committee of AIA Michigan, along with other members from around the state, began a series of strategic planning meetings to put into perspective how AIA Michigan should look and function in the future. At the first of what would be a total of 7 meetings, the strategic planning committee looked at all of the aspects of AIA Michigan as it is currently constituted, and brainstormed how it might best meet the future to benefit and support the profession and society. The launching of this endeavor was not originally on the formal agenda for 2008, but in the spirit of truly designing our future, all involved embraced the opportunity. A wide variety of members from different constituencies took part. We owe a special thanks to Steve Vogel, FAIA, Dean of the University of Detroit

Mercy School of Architecture, for agreeing to facilitate the strategic planning process. When it has been reviewed and finalized at the 2009 Leadership Conference, chapter representatives throughout the state will distribute it and discuss it with the membership at large.

May started with the AIA Michigan Design and Honor Awards at the Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth. Although a plea to have firm principals invite (and pay for) their young architects to attend had a muted effect, there was a pleasant combination of younger and more seasoned architects present. The expanded facility provided a nice venue for mingling, enjoying the awards and congratulating the honorees. The National AIA Convention took place in Boston in the middle of the month. Although the convention seemed more subdued than the AIA150 extravaganza in San Antonio last year, Boston is a terrific city and was a wonderful host. The growth of the convention will be taxing even the largest host cities in coming years. The ability to convene in a variety of interesting architectural locations needs to be maintained by adjusting the scope and focus of the convention in a way that doesn't restrict it to a few large convention cities like Las Vegas and Orlando.

Typically at rest in **June and July**, AIA Michigan continued to pursue our legislative initiatives and connections with young professionals. Our June Board of Directors' meeting in Holland started with a tour of the Herman Miller "Green House" where we got to see first hand the result of a major sustainability initiative designed with the assistance of Bill McDonough, where not just the facility, but all of the manufacturing processes, are part of the effort to be green.

August means it's beautiful on Mackinac Island. That's where the AIA Mid-summer Conference finds its place. The Associated General Contractors of Michigan once again co-sponsored the conference with us and the sense of camaraderie and positive interaction between our two organizations continues to build. Along with the annual membership meeting, election of 2009 officers, legislative updates and continuing edu-

cation, there is still time to relax and enjoy the island. Marvin Malecha, FAIA, the incoming 2009 National AIA President joined us as well.

As a virtual bookend counterpoint to the Mid-summer Conference, the **September** AIA Michigan Design Retreat is every bit as enjoyable, and Camp Hayo-Went-Ha is as rustic as the Grand Hotel is refined. With the largest turnout ever, the presenters and attendees had a lively time enjoying presentations and discussions of award-winning projects. A highlight of the retreat was the Saturday evening presentation of the Solar Decathlon House, "Aloe Terra", designed by LTU students for the 2007 Solar Decathlon international energy-efficient design competition that was held on the mall in Washington DC. The students made an outstanding presentation! You can meet the overall team on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5c0lAnhnHBA>

Also in September, AIA Michigan's (formerly the MAF's) Educational Facilities Conference took place at The Grand Traverse Resort. With a focus on sustainability, this year's conference was one of the most interesting and worthwhile ever. Although the economy put a crimp in attendance, those that were there will attest to the fact that it is a thriving framework for gaining knowledge.

October will probably be best known for the national economic flameout that swept across the country. Of course, in Michigan we didn't have quite the shocking contrast that other parts of the country felt; we've been living with it for years now. Our strategic planning process continued, with the surrounding news lending credence to our decision to seriously look ahead and plan.

This year's AIA Michigan Executive Committee retreat was held at a different venue this year. The Excom met in **November** at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester, which was designed by Victor Saroki, FAIA, the incoming Secretary of AIA Michigan.

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As Ron Campbell prepares to lead AIA Michigan as President in 2009, it is good to know that there is a commitment to providing continuity to our efforts in designing the future. The strategic planning process dovetailed nicely with the retreat discussions, providing a terrific background for planning next year's activities.

As we made the transition from the 2008 Board to the 2009 Board at our annual **December** transition meeting and luncheon, I was proud to have been part of a very active 2008. I was also ready for some holiday cheer. And there was plenty of that at the Annual AIA Michigan Holiday Open House, which came complete with a "mortgage burning" ceremony, as we have now paid off the loan for our Beaubien House headquarters building.

REFLECTING ON THE YEAR

In conclusion, I'd like to share some thoughts that I wrote to our emerging professionals in the last Associates Newsletter:

There was one thing I wanted to see coming out of AIA in Michigan during 2008: connection with the next generation of architects - with Associate AIA Members, Architecture Students and newly licensed Architects. So, am I satisfied so far? The answer is a solid YES.

When I set the goal for AIA Michigan to take charge of designing the future I wasn't quite sure what kind of response we'd see. Is the "millennial" generation too busy to fit in one more networking or design task? Has the self-absorbed apathy of the 1980's and 1990's finally overcome the spark of community participation that took almost half of the twentieth century to catch on? Who will create the architecture of the information age? Have the late "Boomers" and "Generation X" missed the boat entirely? Worrisome questions all, but like so many things we worry about that don't happen, our concern often proves the motivation that helps us keep them from happening.

We have seen a heartening turnout for the AIA activities targeted to the schools of architecture, AIAS chapters, Associate AIA members, and young professionals at large:

- The AIA Annual Legislative Day in Lansing brought out a committed and enthusiastic group of Associate members and students who are focusing on having the State shift the timing of the Architectural Registration Exam. They want new graduates to be allowed to take the exam right after graduation while the academic knowledge is fresh, thus allowing a focus on building real world practice skills instead of maintaining rusty test-taking skills during the internship period.
- The AIA Detroit Associates Committee put on immensely successful "Design 360" and "Pecha Kucha" nights that brought allied artists together for a rapid-fire look at art and design. They did this on their own. But I want to include it as a positive sign of reaching AIA Michigan's goals as well.
- The AIA Michigan Design Retreat was well attended by students and young practitioners alike, attracted by its inexpensive and easy opportunity to see good design and rub shoulders with seasoned, award-winning architects.
- Turnout at AIAS meetings that I attended, in order to engage the freshest of our future professionals, left me confident that architecture will be in good hands in the future. The interest in the AIA Michigan student-mentoring network is still strong. If you are a recently licensed architect, be sure to sign up as a mentor; it will keep you young!
- Participation in AIA committees by Associate members and recently registered architects is on the rise. Even though there are still increasingly more things to do than there are hours in the day, more emerging professionals are diving in to AIA and finding that the water isn't as cold and forbidding as they might have thought.

The AIA Michigan Board of Directors is

well aware that transition between generations in the architectural profession is a major challenge. Those who are older (or let's say more mature), often consider architecture to be a life-long calling and focus reserved only for those who are single-mindedly serious. This can make transition feel downright uncomfortable when looking at global, multi-tasking, tech-savvy, culturally flexible, self-fulfilling young people who appear to be fitting architecture into the mosaic of life, as opposed to molding themselves into the practice of architecture.

Of course superlatives, extremes, and oversimplification make it easy to "understand" differences without appreciating the subtlety of these differences in the conceptual flow of life and culture. Good design is about solving all the problems, acknowledging the compromises that are needed to resolve the conflicting needs and goals, not just solving the interesting or straightforward problems alone. Appreciating the flow of culture is part of good design. That is why we must constantly re-dedicate ourselves to designing the future of our profession. I think the emerging professionals are up to it.

The American Institute of Architects is THE voice of the architectural profession and THE resource for its members in service to society. That is why I've spent the year trying to lead the AIA in facilitating the transition of young architectural professionals into positions of responsibility for designing the future. The invitation to take part is still wide open. There is plenty of room at the table.

WITH APPRECIATION TO ALL

A terrific part of being active in the AIA is getting to know so many people that one might not ordinarily come to know very well, if at all. I have enjoyed working with everyone this year, the board, the staff and the members. Being your 2008 President has been an honor. Thank you for being supportive and responsive and challenging as we shared the incredible variety of experiences that made up this volatile year. I couldn't have done it alone.



2008 Vice President's Report



Ronald R.
Campbell, AIA

Is being a member of AIA/Michigan worth ones time and money? Perhaps you are a lot like me in that you have been a member of AIA for most, if not all, of your career. I was fortunate when I graduated with my architectural degree, I was hired by a firm who believed in and was a big supporter of AIA. They would pay the membership of anyone who wanted to be in AIA and would allow one hour a month for members to attend meetings. It was a great way to gain working knowledge and to network. Gradually I became involved in different chapter projects that caught my interest and then held leadership roles in the various chapter positions.

As my involvement grew I questioned the worth of AIA National and the state component because it was the local chapters and members who seemed to do all the work, to made AIA what it was. The vast majority of each member's dues went to National and the State with little coming back to the local chapter to run the programs, the very programs that made AIA worth belonging to. When I got involved at the state level, I became aware of the many pro-

grams and services that serve our members. Programs in each of our three principal focus areas; Knowledge, Fellowship and Advocacy help us to be better architects and professionals to our clients and to our communities.

Programs discarded by some members as too expensive have become tradition and mainstay events for others. Programs deemed unimpressive by some are at the heart of professional learning by others. What I have come to realize is that AIA Michigan is meeting the needs of a very diversified profession. AIA Michigan is taking on the issues that we cannot do as individuals or even as a chapter. Perhaps the most unrecognized service to the profession is the Government Affairs Committee on which I was privileged to serve as liaison to the Board this past year. The volunteer members on this committee uphold those issues that have a direct impact on every architect in this state. The amount of time these individuals contribute is unbelievable. They are representing you at Legislative Hearings, political fundraisers (like something we would all like to do), meetings and conference calls. They give their time freely, with no personal agendas or gain. What they do in the 'silent service' is a benefit to us as a profession. 2008 was an incredibly busy and extraordinarily successful year on this front. This is just one example. The list could go on to include the con-

ferences that AIA holds for its members, the Public Relations Programs, the Awards, the AIA contracts, the Mentoring Program, the alliance building with our affiliates ... you begin to see the picture.

This is not to say that we are doing everything we should be doing nor that everything we do is perfect. Hence in 2008 a Strategic Planning Committee was formed to position AIA Michigan to meeting the changing needs in the profession over the next ten to fifteen years. That report is nearing completion and will be presented soon. The challenges we will face during the next several years will be great but so are the opportunities. As an Organization we will be looking to help our individual members and small firm practice in new and innovative ways; we will push legislation for ARE Timing and the Stature of Limitations, we will look for broader resources and partnering opportunities. We will encourage efficiency in operations and plan for leadership transition. We have been and will continue to chart the course of change. 2009 will be the Gateway to Change; change that will continue to hold something for every architect, associate, and affiliate if you choose to participate.

AIA Michigan is worth ones time and money – you just have to invest.

2008 Regional Director's Report

2008 saw many new issues arise at national. It was an exciting and productive year on many levels. Many exciting issues were addressed;

The 21st Century Workplace; The 21st century workplace project refers to the renovation of AIA National headquarters in Washington DC. While debate has occurred concerning the extent of the project, there is really no question that the building does require some updating and that it would benefit from systems upgrades as many of its systems



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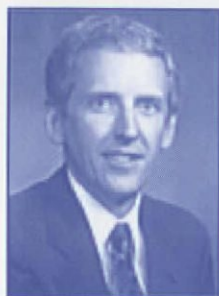
are near the end of their useful life. On one hand is the desire to make the building a sustainable showplace. On the other hand is the need to be fiscally responsible. While some voices argued in favor of the former, a growing chorus argued it was necessary to step back from the project and re-evaluate before committing to

such a substantial undertaking. While the projected costs continued to rise, those views came into sharper contrast. Ultimately, the decision was made for us. Since it really isn't possible to secure acceptable financing terms in this market, the net effect was to place the project into a holding pattern while we investigate value engineering options, while we seek sponsors who might be willing to defray part of the costs, and while we await more favorable market conditions to secure financing. Separately, efforts began to work up a cost estimate for a minimum renovation project including the maintenance, the

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2008 Secretary's Report



Douglas W. Kueffner,
AIA

Knowledge Liaison Report

The responsibilities of the AIA Michigan Secretary extend beyond the writing of Board minutes to actively engage with the Knowledge Committees, which are the life blood of the

American Institute of Architects. It is the efforts of these great committees that allow our AIA members to receive excellent value for their membership dues.

It is through the passion and hard work of our committees that AIA Michigan can achieve even higher goals, and it is the committee chairs that devote the time and effort which makes the American Institute of Architects a success. For that, I want to thank the committee chairs, and provide a brief overview of the excellent programs that AIA Michigan sponsored in 2008.

DESIGN RETREAT

Committee Chair Art Smith, FAIA reported that the 2008 Retreat was a great success. This outstanding event set an attendance record of 167, with many students from Michigan Universities and young emerging professionals present. This retreat provides the opportunity to talk about architectural design with your peers. The attendees were exposed to a wide variety of ideas and attitudes about architecture and the design process in an informal (rustic) atmosphere. This event is an excellent opportunity to see how the problems of design are handled by fellow members of the profession, and forget about the mundane problems in the office and think about design, design, and more design. Participation in this event qualifies for up to 9 Continuing Education Credits. This year's program was concluded with an exceptional presentation on the Solar Decathlon House "Aloe Terra" by a group of enthusiastic LTU

students. Thanks, also goes to the following 2008 presenters.

2008 Projects and Firm/Presenter

Science Addition and Renovation Eastern Michigan University; Terrance Sargent, AIA
Lord Aeck & Sargent Architecture

Lamar Construction Company Corporate Headquarters; Ryan Brouwer, Associate AIA,
David Huizenga/Integrated Architecture

Science Addition Glen Oaks Community College; Tod R Stevens, AIA SHW Group

West Michigan Center for the Arts and Technology; Bryan Koehn, AIA
Progressive AE

The James Clarkson Environmental Discovery Center; Paul R Urbanek, AIA
SmithGroup Incorporated

St. Joseph's Recovery Center;
Brandon Becker/University of Detroit Mercy

St. Gertrude Catholic Church Interior Architecture; Constantine G Pappas, FAIA,
Constantine George Pappas AIA
Architecture/Planning

Los Angeles Offices for Harley Ellis Devereaux; Enrique Suarez, Jr., AIA
Harley Ellis Devereaux

Warren Civic Center; Bert H Koseck, AIA
Neumann/Smith Architecture

Honolulu House Museum;
Randy L Case, AIA/Architecture + Design

Ashka Salon and Spa; Kevin L Biddison, AIA
Biddison Architecture + Design

Team Detroit; Christopher Beck, Jr., AIA,
Gail B. Von Staden, AIA/Gensler

Rubin Residence; Michael Poris, AIA
McIntosh Poris Associates

Kalamazoo Transportation Center;
Charles L Nelson, AIA/Kingscott

Global Headquarters Office Building;
Alan H Cobb, FAIA/Albert Kahn

Sialiu Arena; Algimantas V Bublys, FAIA
Barton Malow Design

ALOeTERRA; Philip Plowright, RA,
Steven Nielsen, Christina Span
Lawrence Technological University

THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

Over 100 Michigan architects have signed up in this category within the AIA National "Knowledge Community". Sustainability is a passion for many in the State. The COTE for AIA Michigan has a very passionate group of committee members led by Charlie Poat, AIA and Mike DeCoster, AIA. The COTE works to sustain and improve the environment by advancing and disseminating environmental knowledge and values, and advocating the best design practices to integrate built and natural systems to the profession, industry and public. Some of the Committee goals include the following:

- Educate architects about the environment and to encourage active membership participation in these activities.
- Foster leadership among architects in all facets of environmental decision making.
- Promote implementation of a sustainable design program in architecture schools.

The Committee is planning and coordinating educational seminars in conjunction with the USGBC.

INTERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (IDP) COMMITTEE

Blake Elderkin, AIA has been chair of this committee for over ten years. His involvement includes committee activity with AIA National, and bringing IDP knowledge back to Michigan interns. The Committee's charge is to answer any questions that intern architects have concerning the NCARB IDP process, as well as the licensing laws in the State of Michigan. The Committee takes on the task yearly of sponsoring programs to help interns pass the licensing exam and meet the requirement of the IDP NCARB filing process.

MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tom Mathison, FAIA, Bob Daverman, AIA, and Al Vegter, AIA are leading the Mentorship Committee. This committee was the creation of Tom Mathison, FAIA, who saw the need for students of

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architecture to have the benefit of contact with a practicing AIA architect early in their career. This has been a very successful program and has touched many future architects and professionals that could some day hire an architect. The Committee has an annual schedule of visiting the three schools of architecture in Michigan and developing a list of willing mentors across the State. If you would like to be a mentor, contact AIA Michigan and get your name on the list. This effort is all about shaping the future of our profession.

HEALTH FACILITIES CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Health Facilities Conference is one of the oldest long standing committees in place, and jointly staffed from the State of Michigan and AIA Michigan. This committee started out as an AIA Michigan Committee, was held by MAF for a period of time and was transferred back to AIA Michigan in 2008 as a part of the restructuring of MAF. For many years this committee has been very well represented by fellow members Rob Sharrow, AIA; Julia Herschelman, AIA; Anne Belleau-Mills, AIA; Doug Hanna, AIA and Rick Hall, AIA.

This year's event was the 41st annual conference and once again was a resounding success with an attendance of 400 participants. The conference was held March 13- 14, 2008 at the Grand Traverse Resort. Topics included hospital construction issues, patient safety, facilities for patient care, emergency department design, food service changes in the health care industry and several other sessions involving specialty design trends. This is a great conference and an opportunity to network with other health care professionals.

EDUCATION FACILITIES CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The 2008 Educational Facilities Conference was held to provide architects, engineers, educational planner, school administrators, construction managers, and other interested professionals with the latest available information which will assist them in planning, designing, constructing and maintaining educational facilities. This year's event was once again chaired by Ralph Moxley, AIA and was held at the Grand Traverse Resort on October 18-19, 2008 with the Golf outing on the 17th at the High Pointe Golf Club in Williamsburg. In 2008, AIA Michigan took this committee over as part of the restructuring

between MAF and AIA Michigan.

The theme for this year's conference was "Green, Sustainable Design...It's the Smart Thing to Do!" The keynote speaker was Glen LeRoy, FAIA, FAICP Dean of the College of Architecture and Design at Lawrence Technological University. His address was an exciting wake-up call to the participants as well as an uplifting presentation for those of us who live and practice in Michigan. Glen carefully crafted a presentation that outlined a bright future for Michigan, if we take the appropriate action and promote the opportunities that Michigan has to offer as we venture into the changing environment around us.

Other topics included sustainable design and preservation, sustainable site planning, energy efficient building envelopes, day-lighting in the classroom, energy efficient mechanical systems, constructing a "green" building and various other sessions dealing with the technical issues of LEED and sustainable design. The conference was well received by those attending and the general "buzz" as the conference concluded was that this was definitely one of the best Educational Facilities Conferences in many years.

Architects Leading the Sustainable Evolution

Sir Winston Churchill once said, "We shape our buildings, and afterwards our buildings shape us." At no other time have these words been more poignant than they are today. Our environment is a precious resource, and we, as designers of projects that have an impact on the environment, share a responsibility for maintaining an awareness of, and proficiency in, the ever-expanding field of sustainable design.

In response to these new demands the AIA Board voted to modify the AIA's annual education requirements to include a minimum four hours of education in sustainable design (SD). Beginning in January 2009, four of your required 18 annual learning units must focus on sustainable design. Learning

units that qualify for sustainable design will also apply to the annual health, safety, and welfare (HSW) requirement.

All qualifying courses in sustainable design offered by AIA Continuing Education System (CES) Registered Providers will be identified as such, as are those courses and programs that carry HSW learning units. The AIA/CES team is working with our providers to offer members more education opportunities to fulfill this new requirement—including education opportunities that qualify for sustainable design learning units during the AIA National Convention.

You may also report programs offered by non-AIA/CES-registered providers

that meet the sustainable design qualifying criteria through the Structured Self-Report Program. Remember, however, that self-designed educational activities do not qualify for either SD or HSW learning units.

Program content qualifies for sustainable design learning units based on the AIA Committee On The Environment (COTE) Top Ten Measures of Sustainable Design and the AIA Sustainability Discussion Group's (SDiG) 50to50 carbon reduction strategies.

If you have questions regarding the new sustainable design education requirements, please contact AIA Continuing Education at SDCE@aia.org.



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2008 Treasurer's Report

During these financially challenging times in Michigan, it is my pleasure to report that AIA Michigan will finish the year with a solid financial outlook. The anticipated reduction in membership, due to the economy, did not materialize in 2008. During 2008 the society met our financial obligations and achieved the financial goals set in January, as well as helping the Michigan Architectural Foundation by paying off the Beaubien House mortgage. Balancing expenses to revenue allowed us to complete the year on the positive side of the budget.

AIA Michigan is current with all of our financial obligations. We continued to financially support our membership with six \$900 chapter grants to attend Grassroots in Washington D.C. We also continued to work towards our goal of building a reserve that is equal to at least



Alan H. Cobb,
FAIA

50% (100% is the upper recommended range for reserves) of our annual budget by retaining 1% of the annual budget. This year the 1% goal was met. The total reserve fund at year end stands slightly below the half way point of \$500,000. AIA Michigan drew from our cash reserve for the mortgage pay off. This will reduce the interest paid on the account. Our goal is to continue to pay the amount that would have been for the mortgage to reserve in the next three years.

Revenue for the year was \$144,000 lower than budgeted in 2008, however, expenses were \$211,460 less than antic-

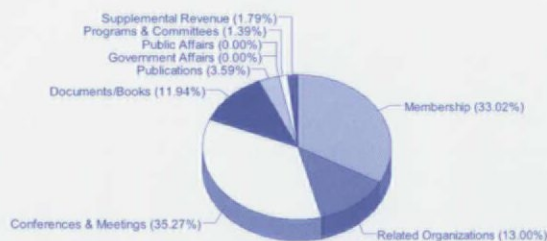
ipated. Profits were realized from the Design Awards, Mid-Summer Conference and the Design Retreat.

This financial success in what could have been a troubling year is the direct result of a dedicated and diligent staff providing timely and accurate course corrections throughout the calendar year. Special acknowledgment of Cathy Mosley's efforts and attention cannot go unnoticed.

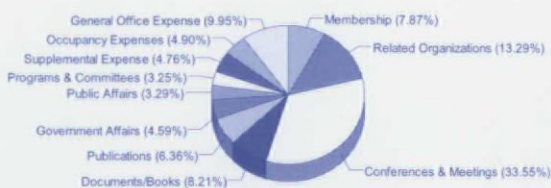
Looking ahead in 2009, AIA Michigan will reach its first million dollar budget and will increase building the reserve to 5% of our annual budget. It is our goal to be financially responsible and to prepare AIA Michigan in meeting member needs and future challenges to the profession.

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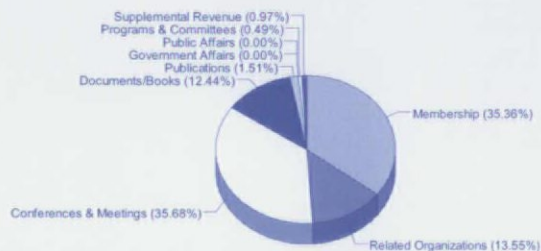
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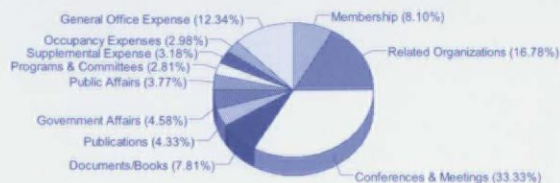
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2008 Government Affairs Report

AIA MI Government Affairs Committee ("GAC") was Co-Chaired in 2008 by Kevin Shultis, AIA, and Gary Quesada, Hon Aff AIAMI. GAC had a very active and largely successful 2008.

In April, Legislative Day saw a robust turnout for Architects, exceeding the number of P.E.'s for the second year in row. The number of event attendees appearing on behalf of AIA was augmented by students and affiliate members, many of whom attended for the first time and were motivated by the new NCARB recommendation adjusting the time frame for taking the ARE exam. These student and affiliate attendees hope to see NCARB's recommendation implemented in Michigan, a change that will require the passage of new legislation.

Throughout the year 2008, a number of Political Fundraisers were organized or attended by AIA, in coordination with our strategic allies, ACEC and MSPE. We believe these efforts are essential in keeping the issues that affect design professionals in full view of key legislators, and maintaining open lines of communication with these same legislators. Although making a monetary contribution never assures the recipient will vote in accordance with AIA's position, such expenditures, and the associated opportunity to interface with the Legislator, remain indispensable tools for GAC and our lobbyist, in order to advance our position ahead of the many other concerns that compete for attention from the Legislative Branch.

AIA enjoyed an important legal victory in 2008, when the Michigan Supreme Court overturned the Court of Appeals in the case of *Miller v. Allstate*. In *Miller*, the appeals court interpreted an existing Michigan statute to mean that firms providing architectural or engineering services are prohibited from issuing any shares to non-licensees, and that non-licensees are prohibited from being members of A/E firms organized as LLC's or PLLC's. This ruling was adverse to A/E's because it appeared to



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render the existing corporate ownership formats of many Michigan A/E firms illegal. In April 2008, AIA GAC (along with ACEC/MSPE) filed an *amicus curiae* brief arguing the ruling should be reviewed by the Supreme Court and overturned. Fortunately, the High Court responded positively by overturning the lower court. Thus, the *Miller* court's interpretation is no longer the law in Michigan.

On the Legislative front, three specific bills occupied the majority of AIA GAC's time and resources in 2008. First, a bill to increase penalties for the unlicensed practice of architecture had stalled in the Senate after passing the House in 2007. This bill was re-introduced in the Senate by Senator Alan Sanborn of Richmond, as SB 1515. SB 1515 passed the Senate on November 13, 2008, was approved by Governor Granholm on December 17, 2008 and will take effect March 31, 2009.

Second, AIA made significant efforts in 2008 to pass SB 865, which was designed to reverse a Michigan Supreme Court opinion published in February 2006, known as the case of *Ostroth v. Warren Regency*. The *Ostroth* Court re-interpreted existing Michigan law and extended the statute of limitations for architects, engineers, land surveyors and contractors. *Ostroth* enlarged the period for all claims related to improvements to real property to six years after the date of first use, occupancy or approval of the improvement, which as a practical matter, doubled or tripled the applicable time periods for many claims. SB 865 would have restored the historic periods, which had been in place for many decades. SB 865 passed the Senate in 2007 with strong bi-partisan support, and in October of 2008 was reported out of committee in the House by a 10-0

vote. Despite broad support, SB 865 was not brought to a vote before the 2007-2008 session ended, and the bill died. AIA and its allies fought until the last day of session to have the bill brought up, but unfortunately these efforts failed. Addressing *Ostroth* will once again be a priority in 2009.

Third, the Interior Design Lobby once again attempted to pass a licensing statute in 2008, which would have provided a scope of practice for Interior Designers in Michigan that included scope within the practice of architecture and engineering. The subject bills were known as HB 4770-4772. The I.D. lobby used several tactics to bring pressure to bear in the Legislature, including attempting to block unrelated AIA legislative initiatives, such as SB 1515. The I.D. lobby's efforts failed, in the face of opposition not only from A/E's, but from an increasingly vocal and expanding number of Interior Designers. Although the I.D. lobby failed again in 2008, this issue will certainly be back in 2009.

The GAC urges every member to attend **Legislative Day on Tuesday, March 17, 2009**, and to become active in support of the various initiatives GAC has undertaken. There is no doubt a major factor in achieving the successes of 2008 was the participation and support received from the membership, and that even greater participation will be required to meet our goals in 2009.





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Regional Directors Report

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system replacements, and the finish upgrades that everyone understands really do need to be completed.

Governance; A task force was formed to evaluate the current board and administrative structures and make recommendations as to how they might be adjusted for better benefit in the future. A detailed set of options was proposed at the December board meeting, which I distributed to the AIAMI board at its December board meeting. I will make that information available to any member on request. My initial concerns were over what appeared to be a rush to do away with the current regional representation structure in favor of a centralized board selection process. However, judging from the reactions from other directors, any effort to change the current regional representation model will meet with significant resistance.

Other changes are contemplated which are aimed at making the board more of a strategic thinking body than a managing body. It is necessary that the AIAMI position be heard, and it will be necessary for us to formulate that position in advance of the next national board meeting so that we can meaningfully participate in that discussion.

The Gateway Commitment; The Strategic Initiatives task force met in St. Louis this past April and hammered out what has been termed the gateway commitment – effectively a commitment to update the way the institute thinks about and works towards diversity.

The AIAMI board adopted that commitment at the transition meeting in December of 2008. I urge each of the local component boards to do the same.

Budget Issues/Institute Restructuring; As 2008 drew to a close it was apparent that the 2009 budget would show a shortfall which was created by several factors;

- The membership voted to do away with supplemental dues beginning in 2009
- After a strong start early in 2008, con-

tract documents sales began to tail off towards the end of the year and showed a significant decline by the end of the year

- The dues assessment imposed for advertising purposes expired at the beginning of 2008 (you probably noticed your dues decreased at that time)
- The tenant in the top floors of the headquarters building vacated at the end of the lease and the space remained unoccupied with the attendant loss of rental income for the balance of the year

Ultimately, it was necessary to cover a budget shortfall of approximately \$8M for 2009. That deficit was made up through a series of changes, restructuring, and reductions that will take immediate effect. Staff worked hard at formulating a workable plan that made the necessary savings with minimal disruption to member services.

I have a detailed summary of the changes available on request. Again, please feel free to contact me if you wish more information or if you wish to discuss any of the changes in greater detail.

Integrated Web Presence; The development of the new institute-wide web presence has moved into its final stages. This is an exciting development, and in addition to developing a cohesive web presence, it will generate substantial savings relative to the disjointed collection of websites and web presence that is currently in place.

Ultimately, the web presence will be made available to every component. Not only will our web presence be efficient and cost effective, it will create a uniform and integrated appearance across the institute. I am convinced this will ultimately become a significant benefit.

As we move into 2009, progress will continue on these issues as well as many others. As always, please feel absolutely free to contact me at your convenience if you wish to discuss any of the foregoing in further specific regard or if I might be of additional assistance.

Quick Calendar Links

Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) -
<http://ww2.esd.org/calendar/eventresults.asp>

AGC of Michigan Calendar -
<http://www.agcmichigan.org>
Now known as Michigan Association of Constructors (MAC)

Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) -
<http://www.michiganspe.org/mspechapcal.htm>

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACECM) -
<http://www.acecmi.org/Calendar>

MIOSHA - Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration -
www.michigan.gov/miosha

SMPS Upcoming Events -
<http://www.smeps-mi.org>

Department of Environmental Quality -
www.michigan.gov/deq



Architectural University Lecture Series

Andrews University –
www.arch.andrews.edu for more information

Lawrence Technological University –
www.ltu.edu for more information

University of Detroit/Mercy –
www.arch.udmercy.edu for more information

University of Michigan –
<http://www.teaup.umich.edu> for more information.



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2008 Public Awareness Update

AIA Michigan

Board of Directors announcement ran in the:

The Oakland Press (Jan. 22)
Oakland Business Review (Jan. 31-Feb. 6)
Observer & Eccentric (Feb. 3)
The Detroit News (Feb. 5)
Birmingham-Bloomfield Eagle-Stephen Smith (Feb. 6)
University of Virginia Magazine-Stephen Smith (Summer 2008)

Legislator of the Year announcement ran in the: The Detroit News (May 6)

AIA Michigan Educational Facilities Conference announcement ran in the: Traverse City Record-Eagle (weekly from July 22 through Sept. 16)

AIA Michigan Design Retreat announcement ran in the: Oakland Business Review (Aug. 28-Sept. 3 and Sept. 4-10)

Steve Smith Editorial
Traverse City Record-Eagle (Sept. 16)
Michigan Chronicle (Sept. 17-23)
Business Review Western Michigan (Sept. 18-Sept. 24)
The Oakland Press (Nov. 25)
Battle Creek Enquirer (Nov. 26)
Ann Arbor Business Review (Dec. 11)
Oakland Business Review (Dec. 11)
Tri-Cities Business Review (Dec. 11)
Lansing State Journal (Dec. 16)

Great Architecture of Michigan Book (Michigan Architectural Foundation)
WDVD-FM/WDRQ-FM, It's Your Community, Dennis King interviewed (Oct. 12)

AIA Detroit

Neighborhoods by Design
WDET-FM, Detroit Today, Victor Saroki interviewed live (Jan. 23)

Board of Directors announcement ran in the:

The Detroit News (Jan. 30)
Observer & Eccentric (Feb. 3)

Charles Merz Fellowship announcement ran in the:
The Detroit News (Mar. 18)

AIA Detroit (cont.)

Committee on Design Conference
Grosse Pointe News, Design gems lure experts (front page story) (Mar. 20)
WJR-AM, "The Big Story," Alan Cobb interviewed (Apr. 1)
Metro Radio Networks, Alan Cobb interviewed (Apr. 2)
Birmingham-Bloomfield Eagle, Architects, designers head to Detroit for conference (Apr. 2)
The Oakland Press, Architects to survey metro area (Apr. 3)
Grosse Pointe News, Local landmarks viewed by top designers (front page story) (Apr. 10)

Announcements also ran in the: Oakland Business Review (Mar. 20-26, Mar. 27-Apr. 2, Apr. 3-9)

2008 Design Awards Articles ran in: The Michigan Chronicle, Archer honored by architects (Dec. 17-23)
Grosse Pointe News, Gold medal awarded (Dec. 25)

MOCAD Exhibit (Considering Architecture: Sustainable Design by Detroit Architects)
Metro Times, Going green in southeast Michigan (June 18)

Miscellaneous

Grosse Pointe News, Central Library preservation, Mark Nickita letter to the editor (July 10)

Young Architects
Pecha Kucha Night
WDET-FM, Detroit Today, Derek Roberts interview live (Aug. 19)
The Detroit News, My Time section announcement (Aug. 21)

AIA Flint

Ferwada on Board of Directors announcement ran in the:
The Flint Journal (Jan. 27)

AIA Grand Valley

Board of Directors (w/ Daverman, Norlin) announcement ran in the:
Grand Rapids Business Journal (Feb. 4)

AIA Huron Valley

Guided Walking Tour announcement ran in the:
Michigan Construction News (June 6)
WDIV-TV Web site (June 9)
Construction Association of Michigan (June 11)

AIA Mid-Michigan

Barry Wood, Keystone Design Group award announcement ran in the:
Michigan Construction News (Jan. 11)
Lansing State Journal (Jan. 28)

David VanderKlok announcement ran in the: Kalamazoo Gazette (Feb. 3)
Robert Smith announcement ran in the: Michigan Today, Alumni Notes (Feb. 2008)
Lansing State Journal (Feb. 18, 2008)

Board of Directors (w/ Daniel Launstein) announcement ran in the: Grand Rapids Business Journal (Feb. 4)

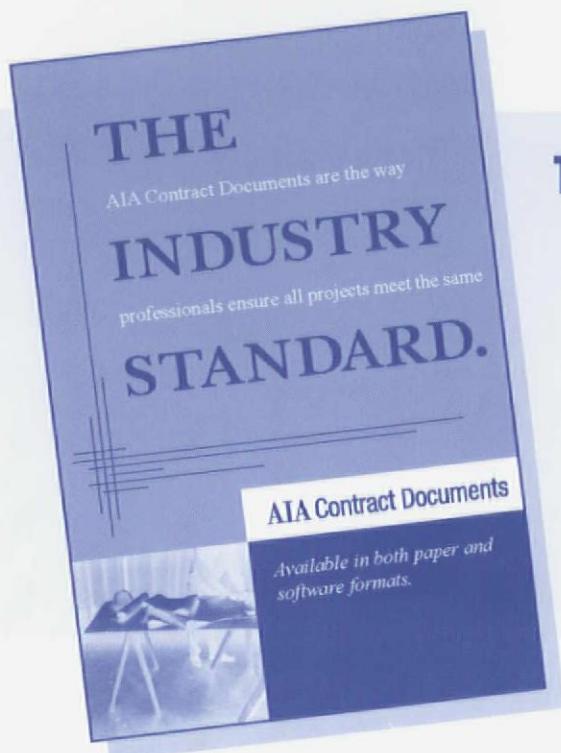
AIA Southwest Michigan

2008 Design Awards Press release ran in the:
Kalamazoo Gazette (Dec. 18)
Also expected to run in the Beaver Beacon in January





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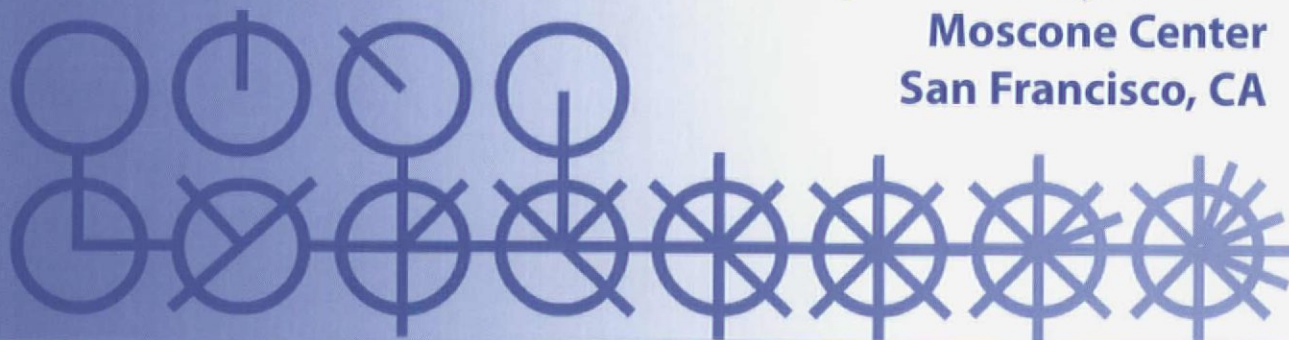
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Upcoming Events and Activities

(For more information go to www.aiami.com and click on the calendar.)

January 16-17	ExCom in the morning prior to Board Northern MI Board & Invited guests to the Leadership AIAM/Chapters/Deans, Grand Traverse Resort, Acme	April 29-30	National AIA Convention, San Francisco, CA
January 22	State Board of Architects, Okemos, MI	May 1-2	National AIA Convention, San Francisco, CA
February 5-6	Design & Construction Expo Rock Financial Expo, Novi	May 15	AIA Michigan Design Awards & Recognitions Partnered with Masonry Institute of Michigan Detroit Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit
February 4-7	AIA National Grassroots Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C.	August 6-8	AIA Michigan Mid Summer Conference in partnership with AGC of Michigan Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island
February 28	ACECM Awards Banquet, Inn at St. John's, Plymouth	September 11-13	Design Conference, Camp Hayo Went Ha Torch Lake
March 17	AIAM Legislative Day, Lansing House of Rep., Mackinac Room	October 14-16	Educational Facilities Conference - AIAM Grand Traverse Resort, Acme
March 19	State Board of Architects, Okemos, MI	November 6-7	AIA Michigan ExCom Retreat
April 2-3	Health Facilities Conference – AIAM Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids	November 20	AIA Detroit Design Awards & Recognitions
April 13-17	AIA Architecture Week	December 10	Holiday Open House Beaubien House



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